

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the invention under 35 U.S.C. Section 121. The Applicant hereby elects claim Group I consisting of claims 19-27, 29-30, 32-35, 37-38, 40-43, and 48-49. The Examiner has further required that if claim Group I is elected for prosecution, the Applicant elect a single species under 35 U.S.C. Section 121. The Applicant hereby elects species Group I(a), which includes claims 19-27, 29-30, and 48-49, for prosecution on the merits. The Applicant retains the right to file a divisional application or applications seeking protection for each of the non-elected claims.

The Applicant has also added new claims 50-55. Each of new claims 50-55 is dependent, either directly or indirectly, on elected claim 19, and each of the new claims is believed to read upon the elected species.

CONCLUSION

The application is now believed to be ready for examination on the merits and such action is respectfully requested. No fees are believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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